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## ST. MARK'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Readers:

- ❖ G. Peter Bohlender
- ❖ Dustin Joseph Crosby

### Service Schedule

Great Vespers/Vigil

*Saturdays 6pm*

*Eve of Feast 7pm (6pm on Sundays).*

Hours

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:10am.*

*Sundays and Feast Days 9:30 am*

### Choir Directors:

- ❖ Daria Cortese
- ❖ Mat. Martha Moser
- ❖ Sergei Arhipov

### Church School

#### Director

- ❖ Jennifer Sremanak



### Divine Liturgy

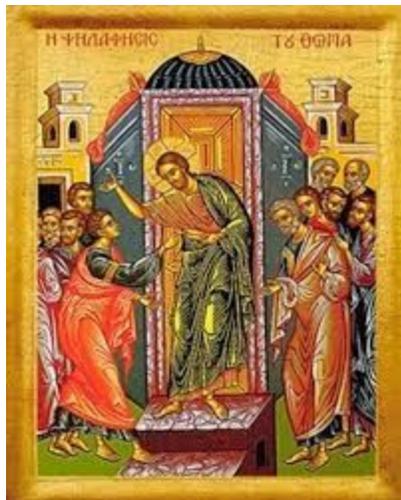
#### Confessions:

*Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.*

#### Akathist Service

*Wednesdays at 9:15am.*

**Memorial Services (Panikhida/Litya):** as requested



**ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday.** Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra (322). St. Joannicius of Devich in Serbia (13th c.). < St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm (1396).

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ: Acts 5:12-20

ΓΕΓΟΝΟΤΑ: JOHN 20:19-31

**Baptisms:** Children must have Orthodox Godparents who provide a letter from their parish priest. Parents and Godparents are required to attend two preparatory classes. Scheduling arrangements should be made with the Rector by contacting him directly.

**Weddings:** Arrangements should be made **at least** six months prior to the wedding and scheduling is subject to the liturgical calendar of the church.

**Please do not** make arrangements for receptions without speaking with the Rector first.

Weekly SCHEDULE OF SERVICES and Events: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PUBLIC SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED and the CHURCH IS CLOSED.

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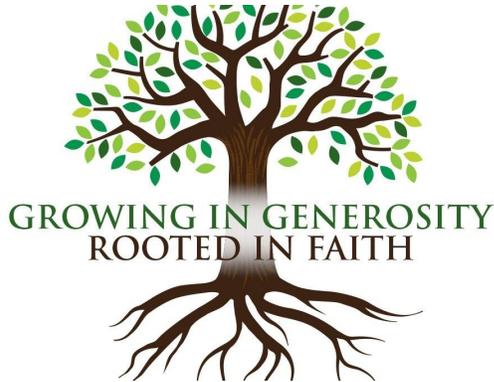
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**Parish Development:** As part of our development work we have hired Raphael Architects of Doylestown to assist us in planning future physical development of our plant. They attended the Forgiveness Vespers last Sunday to see our space issues and will visit at other times for the same purpose. But, the most important step in the process is the parish participation in a **workshop is rescheduled for May 31 at the Coffee Hour**. It is vital that everyone participate. **Your input is essential!** The architects need to hear from you about what does and does not “work” for you with our present facilities and what you would like to see. **Save the date: Sunday, May 31 following Divine Liturgy**. Consider it a tithe of your time and talent to God to be

there!

**Parish Meeting Minutes:** Copies of the unapproved minutes from our Annual Meeting are available on the bulletin board in the Hall and there are copies available in the vestibule.



**Financial Update**

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** At this time the needs are great. Pasta sauce, tea, coffee, juice are particular needs.

VIGIL LIGHTS

NONE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAY

GILLIAN CROSBY - 28

NAMES DAY

ARCHBISHOP MARK

MAREK SZELIGA - 25



**Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** Captives Hierarchs Paul and John III afflicted All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our family and friends Charles and Erin, Ann Marie, Joseph, Alexis, Aphrodite, Archpriests Daniel and Alexander, Priest Stephen, *Matushki* Elena, Laryssa, Lisa, Priscilla, Myra, Suzanne, Anne, Jennifer, Emilia *Servants of God* Peter, Stephanie, Anthony, Samuel, Sergei, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Scott, Dennis, David, Garry, Vincent, Anthony, Helen, Stephen, Raymond, Darrell, Andrew, Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Laura, Stephen, Jason, Katina, Donna, Nina, Rebekah, Anthony, Alexander, Grover, Valerie, Raymonde, Anita, Jim, Peter, Jonathan, Gregory, Charles, Kyra, Margaret, Arlene, Vaughn, Vitaly, Helen, Valerie, Nicholas, Elena **Good estate of** Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Carmen and Nathan, Ferne.

**Departed:** *Newly departed* Archpriest Bernard, Rosalie, Carl and Marsha. *Departed* Archpriests Stephen and Vladimir & Mat. Mary, Priest George,



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### Petition for Medical Workers in the Litany of Fervent

#### Supplication

*Look down, O Master Who lovest mankind, upon the sacrificial labors of our medical workers; send them steadfast health, strength and fortitude of spirit, wisdom to accomplish their work for the good of our people; and bring about through them the healing of Thy suffering servants, we earnestly pray Thee, quickly hearken and have mercy.*

especially Charla, Valerie, Joseph and Alexis, Aphrodite, Tiberiu, Ann Marie, Charles and Erin. May the Lord grant them peace, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things for many blessed years!

And for ourselves let us say: Lord, have mercy, 3x

Krishti U Ngjall!  
**Vertet U Ngjall!**  
 El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!  
 Ha Masheeha houh quam! Be emet quam!  
 Ua ala hou 'o Kristo! Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!  
 CHRISTOS T'ENSAH EM' MUHTANI EXAI' AB-HER EOKALAI  
 Christus ist erstanden! Wahrlich ist er erstanden!  
 Kristos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!  
 Le Christ est réssuscité! En verite il est réssuscité!  
 Kristus er opstanden! Ja, sandelig opstanden!  
 Cristo e 'risortol! Veramente e 'risortol!  
 Khristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum!  
**Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!**  
 CHRISTUS IS OPGESTAAN! JA, HIJ IS WAARLIJK OPGESTAAN!  
**Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!**  
 HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVĀRAT A ÎNVIAT!  
 Cristos vaskres! Vaistinu vaskres! Kriste akhsdga!  
 Kristo amefufukkal Kweli amefufukkal Cheshmaritad  
**KRISTO AJUKKIDE!** Akhsdga!  
 KWELI AJUKKIDE!  
 Khristos voskres!  
 Voistinu voskres!  
 Cristo resuscitou! Em veridade resuscitou!  
**Χριστός Ανέστη!**  
**Αληθώς Ανέστη!**  
 Christus ar upstanden!  
 Han ar verkligen upstanden!  
 Kristo ajukkidel  
 Kweli ajukkidel

Harisutos  
 Fukkatsu!  
 Jitsu ni  
 Fukkatsu!

# *Saint Mark's Orthodox Church, Wrightstown, Pennsylvania*



*Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10*

- ⊕ *Since we started online giving as an option the second week of April, we have had 16 participants, 6 of whom signed up to be recurring donors. Total donations to date through this is \$7537, 41 donations, 22 by credit card, 19 by direct debit.*
- ⊕ *Please take the time to look at this as an option for regular giving, and for special giving too. If you have any questions you can email Kevin Swan or Andy Skordinski. Kevin also offered to offer phone assistance with the understanding that you may have to leave a message and he will get back to you.*
- ⊕ *We are offering text giving. To start, text 215 999-8771. There will be an accounting for the month of April in next week's bulletin. In the meantime, continuing the contrast between Christian Stewardship – which is what we are called by God to do - and Secular Fundraising, which has its place, but secondarily in the life of the Church.*

## **Christian Stewardship**

Promotes *altruistic acts of compassion*

Invites everyone to be *generous according to their ability*

Creates a plan *based upon core beliefs and confession of faith*

A vocation to goodness emanating from a confession of faith and immersion in two millennia of tradition, culminating in a baptismal covenant with God.

## **Secular Fundraising**

Promotes *recognition in return for acts of contribution*

Invites a *select number of wealthy individuals to make pace-setting gifts*

Creates a *marketing plan to persuade or manipulate people into giving money*

A process *of practices and conduct predicated upon a legalistic approach focused on the individual*, culminating in a “donor bill of rights” governed by an association of professionals.

**From Michael Hurley-Pitts. *The Passionate Steward*. St Brigid's Press. Toronto, 2002. P. 59-**